



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Gila National Forest
Black Range Ranger District**

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROAD (NFSR) 226 CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) road in the Black Range Ranger District, Gila National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Road"):

1. Using any type of vehicle on the Described Road. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED ROAD

The Described Road is within Township 11 South, Range 8 West, Section 19; Township 11 South, Range 9 West, Sections 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 28, specifically, the section of NFSR 226 (Chloride Canyon Road) between Monument Cabin at coordinates 32°20.573, -107°49.397 and the National Forest Boundary at coordinates 32°20.290, -107°41.663.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from hazardous

road conditions stemming from post-fire flooding.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. through December 31, 2023 at 11:30 p.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Road is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gila/alerts-notice>. Signs will be posted at both ends of the closed portion of the road.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Black Range Ranger District in Truth or Consequences New Mexico, (575)894-6677, and Gila National Forest Supervisor's Office in Silver City New Mexico, (575) 388-8201, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts on the same Described Road.

Signed and issued on May 3, 2023.

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